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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: MAY 21 MEETING WITH MARCOS: CHINA TRIP

1. DURING DISCUSSION OTHER MATTERS MAY 21, PRESIDENT MARCOS TOLD ME THAT HE BELIEVES ALL IS IN READINESS FOR HIS TRIP TO CHINA. THE COMMUNIQUE HAS NOW BEEN DRAFTED AND AGREED. THE CITIZENSHIP QUESTION OF LOCAL CHINESE IS BEING WORKED OUT. HE HAS THEREFORE PROPOSED THAT HE GO TO CHINA JUNE 7 FOR THREE DAYS AND RETURN IN TIME FOR JUNE 12 INDEPENDENCE DAY IN MANILA. IF THIS PROVES IMPOSSIBLE, HE WILL WISH TO GO AFTER JUNE 20, WHEN HE HAS "IMPORTANT APPOINTMENT." HE ASSUMES, IN ANY EVENT, TRIP

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WILL BE PRIOR JULY, WHICH CHINESE HAVE TOLD FILIPINOS IS

"TOO HOT" IN PEKING.

2. MARCOS MUSED WITH ME ON WHETHER HE SHOULD RAISE QUESTION OF U.S. MILITARY BASES IN PHILIPPINES. I SAID IF HE STAYED SILENT, CHINESE WOULD PROBABLY STAY SILENT. IF HE WERE OBLIQUE, HE WOULD BE OBLIQUE. IF HE WERE AS BLUNT AS JAPANESE WERE, HE WOULD PROBABLY GET SAME ADVICE THEY GOT, WHICH TENG SHIAO-PENG HAD JUST REPEATED TO THE FRENCH. HE LEFT ME THE IMPRESSION HE WOULD RAISE SUBJECT OBLIQUELY.

3. WE THEN DISCUSSED CHINESE ATTITUDES TOWARDS INDOCHINA AND ASEAN. I SAID I ASSUMED PEKING STILL IN PROCESS REASSESSING BOTH AREAS. IF THEY RECEIVED HIM EARLY JUNE, HIS VISIT WOULD PRESENT FIRST OPPORTUNITY FOR THEM TO SHOW THEIR HAND ON ASEAN. MARCOS SAID HE WOULD INFORM US OF THEIR REACTION.

4. COMMENT: MARCOS IS RATHER KEYED UP OVER THE TRIP TO PEKING. HE CLEARLY PERCEIVES IT AS COMING AT INTERESTING JUNCTURE IN SOUTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS.  
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